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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SETS LITTLE SALMON PLAN HEARING

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Idaho Legislators have set a special public hearing to gage what the public thinks about the Comprehensive State Water Plan for the Little Salmon River Basin, officials said today.

The House Resources and Conservation Committee hearing is set for February 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 412 of the Statehouse.

The Idaho Water Resource Board adopted the plan last October after about three years of development. The plan lays out the resource management issues and the actions and recommendations of the Board for the conservation, development, management and optimum use of the water resources in the basin.

The actions in the plan include establishing recreational river protection status for a total of 68 miles of the Little Salmon and three other streams in the Basin.

The plan also would commit the Board to applying for minimum stream flow water rights for segments of Rapid River and the Little Salmon River.

For more information on the plan, please contact Bill Graham, IDWR Planning Bureau Chief, at (208) 327-7966. The plan's executive summary also is available for review on the Internet. The address is: www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/watplan/planning/existing.htm